



“How To Handle Conflict”

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Introduction: We live in a world full of conflict. I’ve preached on this subject many times over the years, but we cannot hear enough on the subject. We especially have to apply what we have learned. It is important to remember that conflict is inevitable. Conflict is not necessarily sinful, but it often leads to sin. Christians should be eager to preserve all relationships, especially those with family and brethren. Remember that there are many conflicts between Christians listed in the New Testament. It would serve us well to study those stories. How can we properly handle conflict as a Christian? Let’s study together...

Discussion:

(1) *Realize the Urgency (Matthew 5:23-24)*

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(2) *Recognize the Problem (Matthew 18:15-17)*

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(3) *Reaffirm the Relationship (Matthew 22:35-40, 5:44)*

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(4) *Refuse to Ignore (Galatians 6:1, Proverbs 12:18, 18:21)*

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(5) *Restore the Pattern (Colossians 3:12-21)*

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Conclusion: There will come a time when we need to move on and shake the dust from our feet. However, until that time comes we need to pursue resolution and reconciliation. Our God loves us. He wants us to love one another. What will you do to reconcile with your brethren? How will you handle conflict in your life? Are you reconciled to God?